

## Georgist News Around the World

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Irreparable loss has recently befallen the Fellowship of Georgists in the deaths of those three Old Timers—Walter Fairchild, one of the original directors of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, Stephen Bell, perhaps best known to readers of the HENRY GEORGE NEWS as author of "Rebel, Priest and Prophet," and Norma Cooley of Los Angeles. Miss Cooley was unfortunately little known to these same readers, because years of ill health have kept her brilliant, witty pen in disuse.

And with our sorrow over these breaks in our ranks comes the horrible fear that that long-time and devoted co-worker, Sam Meyer, of Paris, was forced into the terrible camp of Auschwitz in Silesia. His wife seems safe in France, but of him there has not as yet been trace. How close to us comes bitter tragedy!

However, there is good news from other friends who were in the war zones. Arthur Madsen of London writes joyously: "We are in touch with the Danish beloved and the others such as Argente of Spain and Dande Bancel of France . . . Pavlos Gianellia (from Greece) mentions having translated into Braille 'Protection or Free Trade' and 'The Condition of Labor,' for English blind people, and 'Progress and Poverty' (abridged), also 'Social Problems' and 'Protection or Free Trade' for French blind people." Arthur W. Madsen asks: "Is not that an excellent and prodigious service?"

Indeed, in time of peace it would have been counted an "excellent and prodigious service"—but to have accomplished so tremendous a task in time of war and under

conditions in which Mr. Gianellia must have labored, is amazing—and puts most of us to shame for having little to show in comparison, as proof of dedication to our common cause.

And from the Far East comes hope that may be promise, from Daniel James, who first appeared at the Henry George School of Social Science in role of merchant seaman and has for the past year been in the American Field Service in the Orient:

"There is thunder in the air in India, and there are strong National feelings that cannot be suppressed forever. The Indian has got new life and he wants fresh air. Some thought that Japan would give it; others feel it may come from Russia. Many I've talked to look to the States, an illusion I quickly kill. To me, it's got to come from within India. He's got to re-establish his faith through his own religion, not through foreign Christian missions, and then start working on one form of government for one United India. The basic hopes and desires of all men the civilized world over seem to be the same. I don't know why people think that India should be different. Because I strongly feel that Henry George's plan was almost designed for India, and because I know that any scheme for lasting peace will come to naught if Asia's silenced millions find no better life, I think there would be no better thing for me to do than to come out here after the war to teach Henry George's philosophy. In time I may have quite a school."

God grant Daniel James' dream comes true—but whether or no his Henry George School in India comes into being, our part, here in the Headquarters School, is to keep alive and to support the work of all these worthy ones who have so ably carried on.

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